

# LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91302

# MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM February 12, 2013

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by President Caspary.

President Caspary notified attendees that the board meeting was being audio recorded.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A Call to order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. in the District offices. Deputy Secretary Conklin called the roll. Those answering present were Directors Caspary, Peterson, Polan, Renger and Steinhardt.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Approval of agenda

On a motion by Director Lee Renger, seconded by Director Glen Peterson, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to Approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2013, as presented.

General Manager Pedersen stated Mr. J.D. Mackay was in the audience and requested 8. A-Claim by J.D. Mackay be heard after 3. Public Comments. AYES: Director(s) Caspary, Peterson, Polan, Renger, Steinhardt

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No speaker cards were received from the public.

#### 4. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Legislative and Regulatory Updates

General Manager Pedersen stated he had two items to discuss (1) AB 72 (Holden), which would require municipal water district board of directors to take office the first Friday in December versus the current requirement of the first Monday after January 1 following an election (Director Peterson discussed lameduck potential due to elections taking place in June and taking of office in December; and Directors Peterson and Steinhardt discussed the timing of elections and taking office process); and (2) TMDL: Las Virgenes and Triunfo had both posted the TMDL, benthic, FAQ, etc. to their agency web pages.

President Caspary requested further information regarding AB 72 be brought back to the Board.

#### 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Director Leonard Polan, seconded by Director Charles Caspary, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to Approve Consent Calendar 5A-5C as presented in the recommendations.

AYES: Director(s) Caspary, Peterson, Polan, Renger, Steinhardt

- A Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 22, 2013. Approve
- **B** List of Demands: February 12, 2013. **Approve**
- C Directors' Per Diem: January 2013. Ratify

### 6. TREASURER

No report was given.

### 7. FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

A Call for Bids: 1,235-Foot Backbone Improvements Project, Calabasas Pipeline

Approve the plans and specifications for the 1,235-Foot Backbone Improvements Project, Calabasas Pipeline; and authorize a Call for Bids in accordance with the project specifications and proposed bid schedule.

General Manager Pedersen discussed project location and size (slightly less than two miles), permitting from City of Calabasas and Caltrans complete, heavily traveled road/bike path (staff will work to minimize traffic impacts); Principal Engineer Zhao stated there are project "free days" for emergency situations; Director of Facilities and Operations Lippman stated Mountain Gate HOA and the fire department had been notified and an additional outreach meeting was scheduled for February 13th.

The Board of Directors commented on alignment of pipeline in Mureau Road, working hours, traffic control, and requested updates as the start of construction nears.

On a motion by Director Lee Renger, seconded by Director Glen Peterson, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to Approve the recommendations as presented. AYES: Director(s) Caspary, Peterson, Polan, Renger, Steinhardt

**B** Calabasas Tank Shutdown Analysis and Calabasas Tank Renovation Request for Proposals

Receive and file the Calabasas Tank Shutdown Analysis LVMWD Report No. 2505.00; and approve the Request for Proposals for preparing a final design report; surveying existing easements; preparing plans, specifications, and the necessary environmental document; and providing construction engineering and support services for the Calabasas Tank Renovation

Project.

General Manager Pedersen stated the work needs to be done during low usage (typically January-March), temporary storage, Phase I in 2013 and Phase II/construction 2014.

The Board of Directors commented on tank inside tank for maintenance, staff analysis and consideration of Requests for Proposal, look at phasing/sequencing, CEQA and use of filtration plant.

On a motion by Director Lee Renger, seconded by Director Glen Peterson, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to Approve the recommendations as presented.

AYES: Director(s) Caspary, Peterson, Polan, Renger, Steinhardt

## 8. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A Claim by J. D. Mackay

Deny the claim from J. D. Mackay.

One speaker card was received from Jocelyn Mackay: Mr. Mackay discussed increase in water billing and Mrs. Mackay stated they had a sprinkler leak and the system had been off since the \$400 repair; staff worked on meter several times; neighbors said they have meter problems too and that they are on septic.

The Board of Directors, General Manager and Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach discussed meter size, average flow, monitoring of flow, bench testing of meter, leak adjustment was provided in 2012 and per policy is granted only once every ten years, failure rate of meters, and digital versus analog readings.

President Caspary requested consideration of the claim be tabled and directed staff to bring back with answers to questions tentatively on March 12th as follows: contact the meter manufacturer to determine if there could be any explanation for the "anomaly" reflected in customer's usage; determine how the meter/register works (magnetic vs. optical pulses); check to see if we have had any other problems with this type of meter; keep the customer in-the-loop in regards to responses to questions and provide the customer with the board meeting date the item will be reconsidered.

A formal action/vote was not taken on the claim.

#### 9. NON-ACTION ITEMS

- A Organization Reports (1) MWD a. Representative Report/Agenda(s); (2) Other
- (1) MWD Representative Peterson reported on general business of Metropolitan Water District including three new board members; in the absence of Chairman Foley, Gloria Gray led the meeting, which is the first time an African American woman has Chaired a Metropolitan board meeting (historic event during February, which is Black History month); and stated he would be receiving a 20-year service pin at the March 12th Metropolitan board meeting.
- (2) Director Steinhardt provided a report on his attendance at the ACWA Region 8 meeting on January 29th during which a request was made for Public Affairs and Communications Manager Reinhardt to serve on the Membership Committee and will be serving as Reporter for the Region 8 Committee; workplan will be kept the same; the Region 8 agenda will be handed out prior to conferences and board members may comment to Chair Pringle; committee is trying to increase membership for ACWA; Region 8 is the richest with \$12,000 in their account (looking for ideas on how to best use the funds in a purposeful way); one day groundwater

conference in March/April; and at ACWA's fall conference, Region 8 will have an opportunity to make a one hour presentation, Legal Counsel Lemieux was asked to serve on or possibly lead a panel discussion on TMDLs (Mr. Lemieux agreed to serve); and stated a letter from ACWA to Cindy Lin (EPA) was shared with committee members. Director Caspary asked that the Board be notified once ACWA schedules their Region 8 meeting.

Director Caspary provided a report on upcoming meetings for Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Watershed Advisory Council and Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Governing Board meetings of February 13th and February 21st respectively, discussions to include plan updates (water quality, natural resources, benefit to humans); vacancy on Watershed Advisory Council (viable candidates: Marina Del Rey Anglers or Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club, unless the Board objects he plans on nominating Marina Del Rey Anglers); and stated staff is setting up meetings as part of ACWA/CASA DC, Director Peterson will be in attendance as ACWA Past President and he has asked him to represent the District at meetings with elected officials (requested staff and Director Peterson meet and discuss what projects to focus on for support of funding).

**B** Director's Reports on Outside Meetings

None.

## **C** General Manager Reports

General Manager Pedersen provided an update on general business of the District including D.C. itinerary (six meetings with members of Congress that will be attended by Director Peterson, himself, and Director of Facilities and Operations Lippman); bi-fold on the Recycled Water Storage project will be provided at the meetings; requested a meeting with EPA Acting Assistant Administrator of Water, Nancy Stoner (Ms. Stoner is also involved with NACWA (National Association of Clean Water Agencies) and is working on the affordability of water under the Clean Water Act); January monthly staff report (operational information included for previous month due to timing); City of Westlake Village is preparing a video on household composting using their tumblers and have asked the District for assistance; and reviewed upcoming community calendar events.

**D** Director's Comments

Director Renger reported that he will be absent from the March 12, 2013 board meeting.

#### 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

#### 11. CLOSED SESSION

The meeting convened into break at 6:33 p.m.

The meeting reconvened into Closed Session at 6:37 p.m.

- A Conference with District Counsel Potential Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9): Two Cases
  - 1. In the opinion of District Counsel, disclosure of the identity of the litigants would be prejudicial to the district.

Added by Addenda (Published on February 8, 2013)

- B. Labor Negotiations (Government Code Section 54957.6):
- 1. Employee Compensation and Benefits

## 12. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting convened into Open Session at 8:33 p.m.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

CHARLES CASPARY, President

Board of Directors

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

ATTEST:

BARRY STEINHARDT, Secretary Board of Directors Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

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